



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
Division of Environmental Health and Communicable Disease Prevention  
Section for Communicable Disease Prevention

## HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Program QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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October – December 2005

### CTR Updates

#### **REMINDER – Expiration of OraQuick Kits**

As indicated in the email from Ingrid dated 11-28-05, any OraQuick kits you have on hand will expire at the end of January instead of the end of March as indicated on the box. Please use all kits prior to the end of January.

#### **Testing Supplies for 2006**

We will be purchasing 6000 OraQuick kits and 5000 OraSure kits for 2006.

#### **PEMS/Risk Assessment**

Final data variables have been received from CDC. We are in the process of revising the risk assessment/consent form to incorporate the final variables. Collection on the new variables utilizing the new forms is tentatively set to begin April 1, 2006. We will be scheduling individual trainings for your site during February and March.

### Hepatitis

#### **Missouri Hepatitis Vaccination Initiative**

We are pleased to announce that the Missouri Hepatitis Vaccination Initiative has received funding that will continue the program through the end of calendar year 2006. We hope that all LPHAs currently enrolled in the initiative will continue to participate and we invite LPHAs not currently enrolled to do so by calling Elaine Pherigo in our Jefferson City office.

#### **Targeted HCV Testing**

We are looking forward to doing some targeted HCV testing around the state during 2006. Areas with high rates of IDU and HIV/STD infection will be prioritized since most HCV infections can be traced to IDU activity and sexual transmission. Please contact Scott Carson at [Scott.Carson@dhss.mo.gov](mailto:Scott.Carson@dhss.mo.gov) if you are interested in having some HCV testing conducted in your area.

During 2006, we hope to work with your agency to aggressively prevent hepatitis A and B through education and immunization, and to find as many hidden HCV cases as possible so that we can refer them for care and possible treatment.

## Perinatal Hepatitis B Program

New MMWR - ACIP Recommendations and Reports

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A Comprehensive Immunization Strategy to Eliminate Transmission of Hepatitis B Virus Infection in the United States at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5416a1.htm>

ACIP Recommendations

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Immunization Schedule at: [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5451-Immunizationa1.htm?s\\_cid=mm5451-Immunizationa1\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5451-Immunizationa1.htm?s_cid=mm5451-Immunizationa1_e)

# STDs

## Syphilis Outbreak Status Update (2005 provisional data)

**St. Louis** – 35 primary and secondary cases and 23 early latent syphilis cases

**Kansas City** – 60 primary and secondary cases and 32 early latent syphilis cases

**Springfield-Greene County** – 13 primary and secondary cases and 12 early latent syphilis cases.

For more information on the outbreaks, please contact Melissa VanDyne, State Syphilis Elimination Coordinator, at (573) 751-6129.

## Community Syphilis Elimination Advisory Group (CSEAG) Meetings

For more information on the CSEAG meetings, please contact Delphia, Community Wellness Project, at 314-421-9600.

# Lab Notes

## STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB CONTACT INFORMATION (Please see the attached specimen submission sheet.)

<b>Dana Strobe</b> <a href="mailto:dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov">dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov</a>  <b>PH: 573-751-0633</b>	<b>Technical questions on test procedures</b> <b>Test result interpretation</b> <b>Problems obtaining supplies</b>
<b>Jeremy Wilson</b> <a href="mailto:jeremy.wilson@dhss.mo.gov">jeremy.wilson@dhss.mo.gov</a>  <b>PH: 573-751-0633</b>	<b>SPHL Rapid HIV Testing Contact</b> <b>Technical questions on rapid HIV test procedures</b> <b>Rapid test result interpretation</b>
<b>Janet Keil</b> <a href="mailto:janet.keil@dhss.mo.gov">janet.keil@dhss.mo.gov</a>  <b>PH: 573-751-7233</b>	<b>Statistics</b>
<b>Bonnie Ahart</b> <a href="mailto:bonnie.ahart@dhss.mo.gov">bonnie.ahart@dhss.mo.gov</a>  <b>PH: 573-526-3799</b>	<b>Questions on courier schedules</b>
<b>Mailroom</b>  <b>PH: 573-751-4830</b>	<b>Ordering supplies</b>

# Statistics

<b>Missouri CTR* Report</b>		
<b>4th Quarter 2005</b>		
(Blood and Oral based on SPHL reports. Rapid based on site reports.)		
	<b># Tests</b>	<b># Positive</b>
<b>October - Blood</b>	2,201	12
<b>October - Oral</b>	182	0
<b>October - Rapid**</b>	136	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>November</b>		
<b>November - Blood</b>	2,086	13
<b>November - Oral</b>	177	2
<b>November - Rapid**</b>	119	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>December</b>		
<b>December - Blood</b>	2,238	17
<b>December - Oral</b>	159	0
<b>December - Rapid**</b>	225	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>QUARTERLY TOTAL</b>	<b>7,523</b>	<b>56</b>
*CTR sites include those sites funded for CTR services and the agencies they subcontract with or provide testing supplies to (41 sites)		
** 9 Rapid Testing Sites		

# Upcoming Events

<b>January 18</b>	Statewide CTR Meeting – Jefferson City
<b>February 7</b>	National Black HIV Awareness Day

## **NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY – February 7, 2006**

February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), a national mobilization effort designed to increase the awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment among black Americans. The mobilization effort has four main objectives that it hopes to impress upon black Americans. They are: (1) Get tested for HIV and know your status; (2) Get educated about HIV/AIDS; (3) Get involved with your community; and (4) Get treated if you have tested positive for HIV or been diagnosed with AIDS. For more information on how your community might get

involved, visit <http://www.blackaidsday.org/>. If you are planning a specific activity in your community, please notify Elizabeth Miller, HIV Health Educator, at 573-751-6439.

<b>February 22</b>	CPG Special Meeting – Jefferson City
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# Contact Information

## State CTR Program Contact Information

<p><b>Ingrid Denney</b> CTR Coordinator <a href="mailto:ingrid.denney@dhss.mo.gov">ingrid.denney@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 417-895-6909 FAX: 417-895-7443 Cell: 417-234-4328</p>	<p><b>CTR policies/procedures</b> <b>HIV Laws and Rules</b></p>
<p><b>Amy Forbis</b> CTR Evaluation Manager <a href="mailto:amy.forbis@dhss.mo.gov">amy.forbis@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6119 FAX: 573-526-0235 <b>**New Number</b> Cell: 573-619-2337</p>	<p><b>Data and statistical needs</b> <b>Quality assurance visits/questions</b></p>
<p><b>Cheryl Blaise</b> Education and Prevention Specialist <a href="mailto:cheryl.blaise@dhss.mo.gov">cheryl.blaise@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 660-385-1755 FAX: 660-385-6214 Cell: 660-384-1363</p>	<p><b>Trainings provided by MDHSS</b></p>
<p><b>Karla Holzer</b> Office Support Assistant <a href="mailto:karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov">karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6120 FAX: 573-526-0235</p>	<p><b>Ordering of scan forms</b></p>

# Training Calendar

## 2006 HIV Training Calendar

### Oral Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
February 7, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	January 20, 2006
March 20, 2006	Independence, Missouri	March 3, 2006
June 6, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	May 19, 2006
August 1, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	July 14, 2006
September 26, 2006	Independence, Missouri	September 8, 2006
October 10, 2006	Springfield, Missouri	September 22, 2006

### HIV Prevention Counseling

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
February 8-9, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	January 20, 2006
March 21-22, 2006	Independence, Missouri	March 3, 2006
June 7-8, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	May 19, 2006
August 2-3, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	July 14, 2006
September 27-28, 2006	Independence, Missouri	September 8, 2006
October 11-12, 2006	Springfield, Missouri	September 22, 2006

### Rapid Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
April 11, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	March 24, 2006
October 24, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	October 6, 2006

### HIV Positives and Their Partners\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
April 12-13, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	March 24, 2006
October 25-26, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	October 6, 2006

**\*Prerequisite – HIV Prevention Counseling**

**\*OTM-May be taken in conjunction with HIV Prevention Counseling**

For information or to register for these trainings, please call (573) 751-6439 or toll-free (866) 628-9891. Confirmation letters will be sent to all training participants approximately two weeks prior to the date of the course. Class size is limited, so please register early. The Department of Health and Senior Services reserves the right to cancel a training; if so, participants will be notified.

Note: These trainings are offered free of charge. Transportation, lodging, and/or meals will be on your own.

# Training Updates

## Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of HIV/STD/Hepatitis HIV Trainings Available

### **HIV Prevention Counseling (HPC)**

This course is designed to develop a counselor's proficiency in conducting HIV Prevention Counseling. The focus of this course is to enable counselors to more effectively support clients to 1) identify their personal HIV risk behavior and circumstances; 2) identify specific risk reduction goals; and 3) develop a realistic, personalized action plan to achieve these goals. One unit of this course will focus on hepatitis and other STDs and how they are related to HIV transmission. A pre-requisite for this course is basic HIV knowledge.

### **Oral Test Method (OTM)**

This course prepares participants to collect oral specimens for HIV antibody detection and to educate clients about the oral test method. Participants will build skills in specimen collection by performing an oral test. A pre-requisite for this course is attendance at HPC training and an approved plan to use this method of testing. (Attendance may be in conjunction with HPC.)

### HIV Positives and Their Partners

#### **(Partner Counseling and Referral Services)**

This course is designed for selected staff in agencies that deliver positive HIV results to clients. The curriculum focuses on services for individuals recently diagnosed with HIV and their sex and needle-sharing partners. Participants will build skills in partner elicitation, partner counseling, and referral service provision. A pre-requisite for this course is HPC and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **HIV Rapid Test Method**

This course prepares the participant to collect oral or blood specimens for rapid HIV antibody detection. A pre-requisite for this course is HPC and HIV Positives and Their Partners (PCRS) and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **Registrations**

All registrations must go through the Bureau of HIV/STD/Hepatitis staff, with priority given to contracted agencies with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. All courses have limited space available and are offered free of charge.

**Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to so early registration is recommended.**

# Rapid Testing Sites

<p><b>St. Louis Metro HIV Counseling &amp; Testing</b> 5535 Delmar East Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 203 St. Louis, MO 63112 PH: 314-879-6410 Contact: Steve Vance <a href="mailto:vances@stlouiscity.com">vances@stlouiscity.com</a></p>	<p><b>Kansas City Health Department</b> 2400 Troost Kansas City, MO 64108 PH: 816-513-6074 Contact: Latrice Parker <a href="mailto:Latrice_Parker@kcmo.org">Latrice_Parker@kcmo.org</a></p>
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